

Ex-Ram Daugherty Joins Press Staff



WHY BE A FIREMAN if you can't take the truck home to lunch? Roy Dohner of North Torrance High School, junior fire chief, takes his job literally and takes the wheel. With him are Jack Singer of Torrance High, battalion chief (outside), and John Robinson of South High, Battalion chief. Senior Battalion Chief Bill Stonecker, hot-footing it along the pavement, blows his wig. It's lunch time too, and after all, he has seniority. All part of the fun on Junior Citizen's Day. —Press Photo

Chamber to Hear Industry Trash Collection Policy

Wade Peebles, director of public works, will be a special guest of the Chamber of Commerce industrial committee at its meeting today, at 4 p.m. it was announced by Don Lasell, chairman.

Peebles will explain the city's rubbish-collection policies, which have been under attack by industries charging the city can't handle their rubbish.

Yet, when they engage private services, they still must pay the city—without service, they are complaining.

Peebles says many improvements in the city service are coming. He has indicated that every effort will be made to cooperate with industry.

George Powell, city planning director, will discuss zoning and report on the new industrial-development program adopted by Torrance and the chamber.

Navy Recruiter Assigned to Japan

Dale Fields, Commissaryman First Class, who has been Navy recruiter here for the past two years, has been ordered to duty in Yokosuka, Japan. He will depart Oct. 15.

His assignment is to the First Seabee Battalion, base of which is in Yokosuka. They cover most of the Far East on training exercises and amphibious landings.

Fields' wife Leona and children, DeWayne, 11, and Bryant and Beverly, 7, have moved to Sand Point, Idaho, where they plan to make their home when he retires.

Peter J. Delliquanti, Chief Inspector, has been assigned to the recruiting office at 16422 S. Vermont Ave.

Irrelevancies Knocked Out of Questionnaire

Candidates for elective city offices will not be required to answer personal and irrelevant questions in order to run.

The City Council knocked out three queries. One asked if the candidate is married. Another inquired if he—or she—is living with the spouse. If not, the next question was where the other does live. The next asked if any other residence was maintained.

Councilman Robert Jahn declared the only pertinent data were: Is the candidate a registered voter? and has he lived in the city a year?

All other questions are an invasion of privacy, he declared.

Women's Golf Classes to Start at Sea-Aire Club

Golf lessons for women will be offered at Sea-Aire Golf Course, 22730 Lupine Dr., starting Wednesday.

Pro Bob Sachse will give hour-long instruction at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 and 1 p.m. each Wednesday for six weeks. Fee for the series is \$5.



NIGHT WEARS ON, and lovely Nancy Taylor, junior city clerk, reads resolution through cerise-trimmed eyes as City Clerk A. H. Bartlett listens. Fatigued Nancy just made it to the day's end. —Press Photo

Junior Officials Won't Rush; Session Lasts 'Til Near Midnight

Junior city officials Tuesday proved that youth is well spent on youngsters by making the City Council cry "uncle" just before automatic adjournment would have come at midnight.

The senior City Council commenced with high hopes of breezing through the agenda and departing in an hour or so. But the juniors wouldn't be rushed. In the end, Mayor Albert Isen had to declare a waiver of curfew to get the junior councilmen home. The session ended just before midnight.

Torrance high-school students who were councilmen for a day demonstrated a keen concern over parliamentary detail and adam-

antly refused to let any issue slide through without complete clarification.

The Junior Citizens' Day started at 1 p.m. with a briefing session, after which students joined their senior counterparts for an afternoon of work and learning. At 5:30 a reception was held at Madrona School, with dinner at 6 p.m. and senior city officials spoke.

At 8 p.m., councilmen jammed the rostrum and went through every issue twice. In most cases, the juniors concurred with the elders, but frequently brought up questions and such incontrovertible logic that the adult officials were jolted.

A petition for a street to join 169th to Cranbrook Ave. was deferred two weeks after Councilman Robert Jahn opened the development constitutes a subdivision, and the street should be paid for privately. George Bradford feared a precedent might be set and wants a legal opinion. The petition, by Earl Stewart and others, was signed by several members of the same family. Crux of the discussion centered on whether or not the lots are individual or a tract.

A lively interest centered round the public works director's declaration that El Retiro Park is a sump and a recommendation for fencing. Members of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners' Association staunchly objected to anything but restoration of a fence that had been in the park originally. It was noted that although water does collect in depressions in the park, it either is pumped out quickly or seeps into the ground. Isen declared he was crushed, after viewing El Retiro as a beautiful park all these years, to find it is a sump. The fencing recommendation was not sustained.

The weekly discussion over traffic lights dubbed by Jahn as Chinese lanterns was concluded by Bradford's recommendation that the city could save plenty of money by using old oil-well casings for standards. Appalled at a quoted price of \$700 a pole for four-corner lights, he recommended the city engineer look into pipes that could be bought for \$3 a foot and painted.

Jahn wondered how the price of hanging signals could go up by about 400 percent, as reported to the council, rather than the general 10 percent boost in other commodities. Wade Peebles, director of public works, replied that labor previously had been included in the estimates.

Councilman Willys G. Blount charged there is a faction in the police department that is dissatisfied with anything but the most (Continued on page two)

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Ministers Start Probe of Battles in City Council

Government in Peril, Isen Says

Mayor Albert Isen yesterday told The Press he is pleased the Ministerial Association is looking into the present City Council situation.

The immediate skirmish, Isen declared, is a petty political conspiracy to divest the Mayor of nominating authority.

"The plan, as proposed by Councilman (Willys G.) Blount, eventually would eliminate the good government now being enjoyed here, and we would descend into a political spoils system."

"At present Torrance is like every other city; the Mayor nominates, and his choice must be approved by a majority of the council."

His nominations, Isen declared, have been nonpolitical, "as the record shows, and no objection has been raised to any commissioner. They (the commissioners) are doing an excellent job and are dedicated to civic betterment."

He has made appointments on a basis of qualification and has named commissioners who openly supported his opponent in the 1958 election, the Mayor declared.

The plan to strip the chief executive's chair of nominating power has no merit, Isen charged, on the following grounds:

1. Appointments would be dictatorial. The councilman could be overridden only by a 5-2 vote.

2. By the rotating system, an incumbent commissioner doing an outstanding job would have no opportunity for reappointment.

3. It would be impossible to have city-wide representation on commissions, as now is the case. It would be possible to have five commissioners living on the same street, all in the same line of business.

4. The commissioner would be responsible only to the councilman who appointed him and not be concerned with the welfare of the city at large.

5. As new members join the council, it would result in confusion over whose turn it is to make an appointment.

COUNCIL OK'S ALONDRA AREA ANNEXATION

The City Council Monday unanimously voted to proceed with annexation of the Alondra addition at the extreme north city limits.

In other action, the body directed the city attorney, to set machinery in motion to kill Garden's proposed annexation in the same area.

The decisions were made at a special meeting called by Mayor Albert Isen. Proceedings took 15 minutes.

Redondo Beach KC Schedules Father-Son Night

The annual father-son dinner will be presented by the Los Crusados council of the Knights of Columbus at the council home, 214 Avenue I, Redondo Beach, Monday at 7 p.m., James O'Toole, grand knight, announced today.

O'Toole and Stacy Rodman, Rancho San Antonio ticket chairman, will attend a dinner at the Statler-Hilton honoring the state deputy of the Knights of Columbus Saturday, Oct. 24. O'Toole and Rodman will receive awards from James Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles, for work in raising funds for the Rancho San Antonio, "Boys' Town of the West." The Los Crusados council lead all other councils in the Los Angeles area.

Joe Bonchonsky and Al Kowan, chairmen, have announced the annual Halloween party and dance will be held at the council home Saturday, Oct. 31. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

League of California Cities to Meet in S.F.

Senators John Kennedy of Massachusetts and Thomas Kuchel of California and Gov. Brown will be principal speakers at the 61st annual conference of the League of California Cities in San Francisco, Oct. 18-21.

More than 3500 delegates and guests from about 275 California cities will attend.

Jr. Rose Queen Named

Kathy Kersh, 17-year-old beauty from Montebello, has been chosen Miss Junior Rose Bowl for 1959 and will reign over the game Dec. 12 in the Rose Bowl.

Cleric Association Picks Group to Study Decorum

The Torrance Ministerial Association, upset over constant bickering, petty jealousies, and a minimum of decorum exhibited by councilmen during City Council proceedings, has appointed a committee to prepare a report on the council's manners.

The association's decision came after months of churlishness culminated last week in a proposal by councilmen that Mayor Albert Isen's power to nominate city commissioners be eliminated.

The body voted to draw an ordinance which would switch to council members the authority to select commissioners individually, in rotation. Only Victor Benstead joined Isen in opposing the ordinance. Writing of the new law still is awaiting council study.

The Rev. Monrad M. Bergesen, president of the ministers' group, said the issue arose when the council's pettiness generally was deplored by the membership. The investigating committee

comprises the Rev. Hugh R. Percy of St. Andrews, the Rev. H. Milton Sippel of First Christian, and the Rev. Morgan Gates of First Baptist.

The ministers, who take turns at prayers opening each City Council session, weekly are brought back to earth by the petulant pot-shots that invariably succeed their blessings.

After the committee has had an opportunity to study the council's demeanor more closely, it will make recommendations to the entire ministerial body, which then may come up with a resolution of censure or a recommendation.

Jayces to Board Donkeys for Comedy Sport Circus

Bob Morris, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, today said arrangements have been completed for a comedy sport circus at the Southwood Little League baseball park Sunday at 2 p.m.

The show is a venture of the Torrance and Lomita Junior Chambers and is being planned as an annual event. The show is called the funniest on earth and consists of eight hilarious sport contests.

A group of Jaycees from Lomita will compete against the Torrance Jaycees for prizes and a trophy. All players will be mounted

on a trained donkey in all contests, they hope.

The contests scheduled include polo, golf, softball, hurdle race, balloon busting, musical barrels, relay race, and the derby. The winning group will receive a trophy in all contests.

A feature of the show will be a beauty contest for men.

Approximately 200 business firms are co-sponsoring the show, and all are giving out free admission tickets.

The park is located at Victor and Del Amo Blvd.

STUDENTS ELECT AT MAGRUDER

Kathy Sexton was named student-body president at Magruder Elementary School, in school-wide balloting.

Other new officers include Trudy Craine, vice president; Jeannie Kawaguchi, secretary; and Gary Kimura, safety commissioner.

Boat Hearing Slated Tuesday

Boaters from Long Beach to Malibu are being invited to attend a hearing of the Small Craft Harbor's Commission on California's new boating law at the Redondo Union High School auditorium, Diamond Street and Pacific Coast Highway, Tuesday at 7 p.m.

This is the fourth in a series of hearings held throughout the state.

Inside the Press

Dick Daugherty, for many years the defensive stalwart of the Los Angeles Rams, today joined the growing staff of Press sports writers, it was announced by Sports editor Mike Callas Jr.

Daugherty's column, "Ol' No. 50," appears on the sports page of the Press today. You'll see it every Thursday during the run of the football season. Dick's column is filled with comments and insights concerning the play for pay boys with special emphasis on his former teammates.

The Ram ex-linebacker has the unusual distinction of being a starter for the Los Angeles club in three different positions. Since joining the Rams in '51 Dick has been an offensive guard, center, and linebacker, sharing the honors with Les Richter.

Daugherty, retired after the '58 season, is now with the Glendale brokerage firm of William A. Staats and Company.

So be way ahead—Reserve your copy of the Press each Thursday and read what the ex-Ram has to say about the men who make up the L. A. team and the National Football League.

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GREATER LOVE hath no girl than she plunk down her dues for a parade. Members of new Brownie troop sponsored by Seaside Community Church donate \$1.60 weekly dues to lagging fund for Torrance Rose Parade float. Float chairman, City Councilman George A. Bradford, receives the windfall from Debra Walker, Kathy Lucas, Lenore Musket, Carol Campbell. Jean Walker is troop leader. —Press Photo